

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application:

1-25. (Canceled).

26. (Currently amended) A method of dynamically controlling release of information on a network, the method comprising:

intercepting, at an intermediary processing system, a request sent from a mobile communication device to a network entity, the intermediary processing system coupled to the mobile communication device over a wireless network and to the network entity over a wired network;

based on the intercepted request, determining in the intermediary processing system that protected information associated with a remote, hand-held wireless the mobile communication device is needed or requested by another network entity by the network entity to fulfill the request;

if said information is needed to fulfill the request, communicating with the hand-held wireless mobile communication device to cause the mobile communication device to present a graphic user interface which allows allow a user of the hand-hand-held wireless mobile communication device to dynamically control release of the protected information; and

releasing the protected information according to a result of said communicating.

27. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 26, wherein said communicating comprises using Hypertext Transport Protocol (HTTP) to communicate with the hand-

~~hand-held wireless~~ mobile communication device.

28. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 26, wherein the protected information comprises presence information relating to the ~~hand-held wireless~~ mobile communication device.

29. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 26, wherein the protected information comprises location information relating to the ~~hand-held wireless~~ mobile communication device.

30. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 26, wherein the protected information comprises information identifying the ~~hand-held wireless~~ mobile communication device or its user.

31. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 26, further comprising operating as a proxy between the ~~hand-held wireless~~ mobile communication device and ~~the remote applications~~ network entity.

32. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 26, further comprising providing a gateway to interface a the wireless network on which the ~~hand-held wireless~~ mobile communication device operates with a the wired network.

33. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 26, further comprising:

operating as a proxy between the ~~hand-held wireless~~ mobile communication device and ~~the remote applications~~ network entity; and
providing a gateway to interface a the wireless network on which the ~~hand-held~~

~~held-wireless~~ mobile communication device operates with a the wired network.

34. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 26, wherein the network entity is a remote web-based application implemented on a the wired network.

35. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 26, wherein said communicating with the ~~hand-held-wireless~~ mobile communication device comprises transmitting second information to the ~~hand-held-wireless~~ mobile communication device over a the wireless network, the second information for use by the ~~hand-held-wireless~~ mobile communication device to present a graphic user interface to enable the user to select from a plurality of options relating to release of the information.

36. (Currently amended) A method as recited in claim 26, wherein said determining in the intermediary processing system that protected information associated with a ~~remote,~~ ~~hand-held-wireless~~ the mobile communication device is needed ~~by another network entity~~ by the network entity to fulfill the request ~~comprises~~ is accomplished by looking up a table

~~intercepting a request to the network entity from the hand-held-wireless communication device.~~

37-44. (Canceled).

45. (Currently amended) A processing system comprising:

a data communication device;

a processor; and

a memory storing instructions executable by the processor to cause the processing system to execute a process comprising:

intercepting a request sent from a mobile communication device to a network entity, the processing system coupled to the mobile communication device over a wireless network and to the network entity over a wired network;

based on the intercepted request, determining that protected information associated with a ~~remote, hand-held wireless~~ mobile communication device is needed or requested by another network entity by the network entity to fulfill the request;

if said information is needed to fulfill the request, communicating with the ~~hand-held wireless~~ mobile communication device, using the data communication device, to cause the mobile communication device to present a graphic user interface which allows allow a user of the ~~hand-held wireless~~ mobile communication device to dynamically control release of the protected information; and

releasing the protected information according to a result of said communicating.

46. (Currently amended) A processing system as recited in claim 45, wherein the protected information comprises presence information relating to the ~~hand-held wireless~~ mobile communication device.

47. (Currently amended) A processing system as recited in claim 45, wherein the protected information comprises location information relating to the ~~hand-held wireless~~ mobile communication device.

48. (Currently amended) A processing system as recited in claim 45, further comprising a proxy server to operate as a proxy between the ~~hand-held-wireless~~ mobile communication device and ~~remote-applications~~ the network entity.

49. (Currently amended) A processing system as recited in claim 45, further comprising a gateway to interface a the wireless network on which the ~~hand-held-wireless~~ mobile communication device operates with a the wired network.

50. (Currently amended) A processing system as recited in claim 45, further comprising:

a proxy server to operate as a proxy between the ~~hand-held-wireless~~ mobile communication device and ~~remote-applications~~ the network entity; and

a gateway to connect a the wireless network on which the ~~hand-held-wireless~~ mobile communication device operates with a the wired network.

51. (Currently amended) A processing system as recited in claim 45, wherein the network entity is a remote web-based application implemented on a the wired network.

52. (Currently amended) A processing system as recited in claim 45, wherein said communicating with the ~~hand-held-wireless~~ mobile communication device comprises transmitting second information to the ~~hand-held-wireless~~ mobile communication device over a the wireless network, the second information for use by the ~~hand-held-wireless~~ mobile communication device to present a graphic user interface to enable the user to select from a plurality of options relating to release of the information.

53. (Currently amended) A processing system as recited in claim 45, wherein said determining that protected information associated with ~~a remote, hand-held wireless~~ the mobile communication device is needed ~~by another network entity~~ comprises by the network entity to fulfill the request is accomplished by looking up a table
intercepting a request to the network entity from the hand-held wireless
~~communication device.~~

54-55. (Canceled).

56. (Currently amended) A machine readable program storage medium storing sequences of instructions, which when executed on a processing system, cause the processing system to perform a method comprising:

intercepting a request sent from a mobile communication device to a network entity, the processing system coupled to the mobile communication device over a wireless network and to the network entity over a wired network;

based on the intercepted request, determining that protected information associated with ~~a remote, hand-held wireless~~ the mobile communication device is needed ~~or requested by another network entity~~ by the network entity to fulfill the request;

if said information is needed to fulfill the request, communicating with the ~~hand-held wireless~~ mobile communication device, ~~using the data communication device,~~ to cause the mobile communication device to present a graphic user interface which
allows ~~allow~~ a user of the ~~hand-held wireless~~ mobile communication device to dynamically control release of the protected information; and

releasing the protected information according to a result of said communicating.

57. (Currently amended) A machine readable program storage medium as recited in claim 56, wherein the network entity is a remote web-based application implemented on a the wired network.

58. (Currently amended) A machine readable program storage medium as recited in claim 56, wherein said communicating with the ~~hand-held-wireless~~ mobile communication device comprises transmitting second information to the ~~hand-held wireless mobile~~ communication device over a the wireless network, the second information for use by the ~~hand-held-wireless mobile~~ communication device to present a graphic user interface to enable the user to select from a plurality of options relating to release of the information.

59. (Currently amended) A machine readable program storage medium as recited in claim 56, wherein said determining that protected information associated with a ~~remote, hand-held-wireless~~ the mobile communication device is needed by ~~another network entity comprises~~ by the network entity to fulfill the request is accomplished by looking up a table

~~intercepting a request to the network entity from the hand-held wireless mobile communication device.~~

60-61. (Canceled).